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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Houk has been called to eternal life by the wisdom of God at the age of ninety; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago City Council has been informed of his passing by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, A native of Indiana, Dr. Richard Houk was a widely respected member of the academic community and a longtime Professor at DePaul University in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, A native of Logansport, Indiana, Dr. Richard Houk earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in geography from Indiana University and his doctorate in geography from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Dr. Richard Houk served his country in the United States Army Air Forces' Weather Service and was stationed at an air base in the Azores in the North Atlantic off the coast of Portugal; and

WHEREAS, Following his honorable discharge from the military, Dr. Richard Houk came to Chicago to begin his teaching career; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Houk was a member of the DePaul University faculty from 1946 to 2010 and was the founder of its Department of Geography; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Houk published numerous articles in scholarly geographic journals and received many accolades for his innovative teaching methods; and

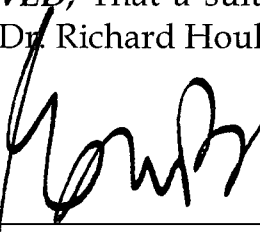
WHEREAS, Throughout his highly distinguished tenure, Dr. Richard Houk traveled to more than one-hundred countries on six continents and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship for studying Portugal's agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Houk was unfailingly devoted to his family, which includes his brother, James, and his nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, To his beloved family, Dr. Richard Houk imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service and dignity; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this fourteenth day of March, 2012, do hereby commemorate Dr. Richard Houk for his grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Dr. Richard Houk.



Alderman - 14th Ward